

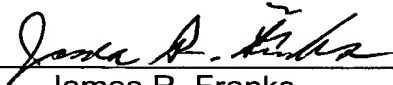
REMARKS

Claims in the case are 1 to 9. Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 have been amended herein.

Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 of the above-identified patent application have been amended as to form, for example, replacing "characterized in that" with --wherein--, and converting multi-dependent claims to dependent claims. Claims 8 and 9 have been changed from use claims to method claims by amendment herein. The title has been changed to correspond to the related International Patent Publication No. WO 00/23515. The patent application has also been amended to include an abstract on a separate page, which is included herewith. The amendments presented herein do not represent the entry of new matter into the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION: (Marked-Up)

The following is a version of the title at the top of page 1, with markings to show changes made thereto in the present Preliminary Amendment.

[Flexible film with finely spherulitic polyamide layer containing nanoscalar, anisotropic nucleating agents]

**FLEXIBLE FILM PROVIDED WITH A FINE SPHERULITIC POLYAMIDE LAYER
CONTAINING NANOSCALAR, ANISOTROPIC NUCLEATING AGENTS**

IN THE CLAIMS: (Marked-Up)

The following are versions of the amended claims with markings to show changes made thereto in the present Preliminary Amendment.

2. (Once Amended, Marked-Up) The [F]film [according to] of [c]Claim 1[, characterised in that it] wherein said film contains one or more further polyamide-containing layers.

3. (Once Amended, Marked-Up) The [F]film [according to] of [c]Claim 1[, characterised in that] wherein one or more layers (I) and/or one or more further polyamide-containing layers contain polyamide which is formed in a proportion amounting to at least 90 percent by weight from ϵ -capro-lactam.

4. (Once Amended, Marked-Up) The [F]film of Claim 1 wherein [according to one of the previous claims, characterised in that] the individual spherulites are anisotropic in at least one layer (I).

5. (Once Amended, Marked-Up) The [F]film of Claim 1 wherein [according to one of the previous claims, characterised in that] the layer (I) forms the outer layer of the film.

6. (Once Amended, Marked-Up) The [F]film of Claim 1 wherein said film [according to one of the previous claims, characterised in that it] contains one or more further polymeric layer(s) or contains between two layers a layer consisting of a metal or metal oxide or contains an imprint.

8. (Once Amended, Marked-Up) [Use of a film according to one of the previous claims 1 to 6] A method of using the film of Claim 1 for the production of containers on shaping/filling/sealing machines.

9. (Once Amended, Marked-Up) [Use of a film according to one of the previous claims 1 to 6] A method of using the film of Claim 1 for the packaging of foodstuffs.